

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : George F. Kick, et al.
App. No : 10/728,728
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For : EXPANDABLE PERCUTANEOUS
SHEATH
Examiner : Sarah A. Simpson
Art Unit : 3731
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**Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Dated February 19, 2009, Accompanying
Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, dated February 19, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.